



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Docket No.
59671(70301)

Application No. 10/647,096-Conf. #9870	Filing Date August 21, 2003	Examiner A. J. Stewart	Art Unit 3738
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Applicant(s): Lutz Biedermann et al.

Invention: METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A TUBULAR SPACER AND SPACER

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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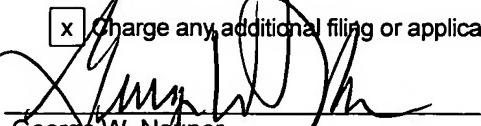
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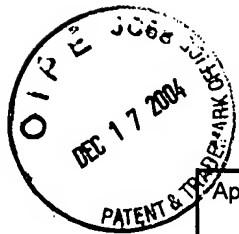
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Please amend the above application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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